



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2541

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Law Enforcement Crime Scene Investigation Training Initiative (LECSITI) is a program to be offered through the CSI Academy of Florida that will allow anyone employed by a State of Florida law enforcement agency to take LECSITI supported courses free-of-charge to their agency. This includes sworn and non-sworn employees such as deputies, officers, crime scene investigation personnel, and others as appropriate. The LECSITI Program will provide training in courses such as Crime Scene Investigation, Forensic Photography, Medicolegal Death Investigation, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Human Remains Recovery, and others that will help Florida Law Enforcement more consistently and effectively investigate crimes. It will also reduce the strain on individual agencies' budgets, as the program would provide waivers for local lodging in addition to the free tuition.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,350,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="750,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	2,100,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2100000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	2,100,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Executive Director will oversee the program operation in its entirety including all subordinate staff, creation and implementation of program content, creation and submission of project deliverables, building construction and renovation, and other aspects as appropriate. The salary for this position will be assessed at \$125,000 per year. As this position will not include benefits, the compensation is adjusted to include the ability to obtain benefits on his / her own.	125,000
Other Salary and Benefits	This program will employ a General Manager with a salary of \$90,000 per year. This program will also employ 2 full-time instructors who will be responsible for the primary instruction of program courses. The salary for each of these positions will be \$75,000 per instructor for a total of \$150,000 per year. As these positions will not provide benefits, the compensations are adjusted to include the ability for said employees to obtain/utilize benefits on their own.	240,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	One-time initial purchases totaling \$213,000 for a box truck-like vehicle to store and transport teaching equipment for off-site courses, a ground penetrating radar, a 3D scanner, new digital cameras, and ALS equipment. In order to maintain and utilize this equipment, the vehicle will need to be regularly serviced and supplied with fuel which should cost no more than \$15,000 per year. \$27,000 will be allocated for staff and instructors to travel to conference.	255,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	This program will employ clerical positions of receptionist(s) and admissions officer(s), each of whom will be paid \$17.50 and \$20 per hour, respectively. These positions will either be hired full-time at 40 hours per week per position, or as part-time to be split between two people per position. For either option, the total cost per year will be \$78,000.	78,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Each course of 30 students will require an average of \$1,000 in expendable supplies for an annual cost of \$48,000. Equipment maintenance and servicing will cost \$10,000 per year. Local accommodations for students participating in the program will cost \$6,375 per course, or \$306,000 annually. Facility rent to use the space, acreage, and equipment of the CSI Academy will be \$10,000 per month, or \$120,000 annually.	484,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The program will employ part-time instructors at \$25 per hour for up to 60 hours per week, shared across multiple part-time instructors. The annual cost of part-time instructors is \$78,000. Outside instructors may teach courses and will be compensated at a flat rate of up to \$7,500 no more than once per calendar month. The annual cost of outside instructors is \$90,000.	168,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	In order to accommodate the increased number of students that will participate in this program throughout the course of the year, the facility in which the CSI Academy is currently located will need major renovations to its classrooms, bathrooms, and general facility. The total cost for fixed capital construction/renovation is \$750,000.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,100,000



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11. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

The purpose of the LECSITI Program is to provide innovative training in the field of crime scene investigation to Florida law enforcement. Instructing participants in the fundamental principles of crime scene investigation allows them to be better prepared to identify, process, investigate, and solve crimes, which can help reduce and prevent both violent and non-violent crime and would allow any member of any State law enforcement agency to take this training for free. All this, in turn, promotes citizen safety and security.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

This program will offer an average of 3 courses per month, 12 months per year, on specialized topics in crime scene investigation including crime scene investigation, bloodstain pattern analysis, human remains recovery, death investigation, shooting reconstruction, fire and arson investigation, and others. Access to these courses and their training materials and supplies will be free of charge to all Florida law enforcement.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

By offering free, industry-leading crime scene investigation training to all Florida law enforcement, this program provides the potential for officers statewide to participate and return to their local communities with more knowledge, skills, and abilities that they can use to identify, process, investigate, and solve crimes. This should help to improve the solve rates of crimes, reduce the overall crime rate, and - in turn - promote general citizen safety and security. In addition to this benefit to the potential victims of crime, it helps those who may be accused of a crime by providing assurance that the evidence speaks the truth and to prevent wrongful accusations that may occur through missing key evidence that may exonerate the innocent or through improper collection, analysis, or interpretation of said evidence.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Most directly, the target population served by this project is Florida law enforcement in that they will be the ones eligible to participate in the training program for free. If each class can accommodate a maximum of 30 students, with 4 classes per month throughout the annual funding term, up to 1,080 law enforcement officers could participate in this program. By extension, however, this project serves every citizen in the State of Florida in that it teaches and promotes the implementation of a higher quality standard of crime scene investigation. More thorough crime scene investigation can prevent the escalation of crime which can decrease the overall crime rate in Florida. Beyond that, it ensures that not only the victims of crimes are benefiting from this improved capacity for crime scene investigation but also that the suspects in a criminal investigation are not getting wrongfully accused and, instead, letting the evidence speak for itself.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The expected benefit of this project is that it will allow all Florida law enforcement, regardless of their agency's size or budget, to have access to specialized industry leading crime scene investigation training. As a result of this training, they will return to their agencies better prepared to investigate crimes including documenting, collecting, preserving, and analyzing the evidence. This will, in turn, increase citizen's feelings of safety and security and will - hopefully - lead to a reduction in overall crime rates in Florida due to the improved standards of crime scene investigation employed statewide. Outcome assessments will be measured quantitatively through before and after comparisons of the skills and proficiencies in crime scene investigation techniques as self-evaluated by program participants as well as through a comparison of crime and solve rates before and after program participation. This information will be detailed in an annual deliverable report.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Should the contracting agency (i.e., the CSI Academy of Florida) fail to meet deliverables or performance measures, the suggested penalty is a restriction from applying for future funding for the subsequent fiscal year after the deliverables/performance measures were not met.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

The owners of the facility at 12787 NW US HWY 441, Alachua, FL 32615 (also known as the CSI Academy of Florida) are the managing partners and business owners of the CSI Academy of Florida, LLC. They are not to be compensated by this funding request in any way beyond the rent provided for facility use by the LECSITI Program and the capital outlay for improvements necessary for full program implementation.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- For-profit Entity
- Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.